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## Constitution State Participates In 2008 Perry Smallbore

By Hap Rocketto, Editor

Historically, the two biggest small-bore powers are Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Both states have been the address of numerous smallbore champions. Perhaps because it is both larger and closer the Keystone State generally fields more shooters at Perry. This year Pennsylvania had the largest number of participants and Connecticut was second with 44.

The position matches retained the three position format but the targets changed from metric fifty meters to US 50 yard conventional. The center remains the same no matter what the size of the target and Jay Sonneborn made that clear when he won the metallic sight senior championship, taking home the Meister Trophy plaque. Remington Lyman was the high sub-junior while Kyle Frawley was top sub-junior master. The state would have gone dry in the anysight aggregate if it weren't for Libby Tallberg taking the master sub-junior class, a feat she repeated in the grand aggregate.

In team competition, Sonneborn, Lisette Grunwell, and Jeff Doerschler were part of the Digby Hand Team which placed second overall in the any sight team match and first master in the iron sight match. CSRRRA Gold shooters, Claudia Duksa, Mike Burzynski, Jake Costa, and Remington Lyman, were coached by Rick Capozzi to a win in the expert junior state association category in both the iron and anysight matches.

Burzynski did very well in the iron sight prone match and was selected for a spot on the US Drew Cup Team, often called the junior Dewar Cup. The match is a fired postal against several English speaking nations sponsored by the National Smallbore Rifle Association of Great Britain. He was coached by Capozzi and was called to the stage to receive his brassard and the recognition of the gallery.

The prone matches had added importance as the 2009 Roberts Team was selected from the top 12 scores. Throughout the first two days of metallic sight shooting

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Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association Team Gold, winners of the 2008 NRA Metallic Sight Junior Team Championship, Claudia Duksa, Mike Burzynski, Coach Rick Capozzi, Jake Costa and Remington Lyman.

## 2008 Connecticut State Outdoor Pistol Championship

The Dinan Range was crowded as nearly three dozen competitors met to determine who would have bragging rights as the 2008 Connecticut State Pistol Champion. Firing the traditional three gun 2700 aggregate with .22, centerfire, and .45 pistols David Lange emerged as match winner with a 2631-114X, a substantial lead over the only other shooter to break into the 2600 club; Eric Vanzandt who made it with a 2600-90X took the Master class. Cathy Chatterton, shooting a 2587-98X, was second Master and high woman.

Fran Wasilnak, the new state champion that is restricted to residents, was also first Expert based on his score of 2545-81X. The second Expert was Mike Bardoorian. Ben Grieco was top Sharpshooter while Dan Watson lead the Marksman class.

In addition to the overall victory Lange won the .22 slowfire, rapid fire, National Match Course and the rimfire aggregate as well as the timed fire center fire match, .45 slowfire, rapid fire, and aggregate match. Vanzandt lead the field in .22 timed fire, slow fire, rapid fire, National

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The always impeccably dressed Jay Sonneborn, Sr. accepts the Meister Trophy symbolic of his winning the Senior Metallic Sight Position Championship.

## Camp Perry Smallbore

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various Connecticut rifleman's names popped up on final results but no one took a named trophy in the metallic sight championship. However, all was not lost as Duksa made the Randle Team and Cory Brunetti was on the Dewar Team. Connecticut had five teams entered in the Whistler Boy Match and Costa and Lyman, under the scope of Debbie Lyman, placed ninth overall and fourth state association team.

The team matches saw CSRRA Gold, Duksa, Burzynski, Costa, Lyman, and Coach Capozzi win the metallic sight junior title and the expert junior state association team awards. As a matter of fact, the CSRRA Team Silver swept the first three places in both iron and any-sight competition as Coach Patti Clark supervised Erin Lee, Jason Chowanec, Tyler Plude, and Rider Doolittle. Team Bronze Brian Hayes, Andy Marzec, Jim Stanley, and George Planeta IV placed third under Coach Debbie Lyman and Captain Mark Costa. Several other local shooters showed up on other teams, Doerschler was on the third place over all team while Greg Tomsen, Charlie Adams, and Shawn Carpenter were all on any-sight teams that placed.

Brunetti was second in the first any-sight Dewar while Carpenter was second in the second Meter Match. Like the iron sight aggregate, Connecticut shooters saw no pay dirt in the any-sight championship; however, things changed in the grand aggregate. After a disappointing finish in the position match Remington Lyman won the sub-junior championship's Glabb Trophy in his last year. He was following in the steps of former sub-junior champion

## COACH'S NOTES *By Patti Clark*

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak at the NRA Air Gun National Championship on a topic of my choice. One of the ideas that came to mind was finals preparation. I called on one of my "old junior shooters" Emily Caruso to get her take on participating in finals; she has shot in many over her career. She said, "finals are the match" and being prepared is everything. We went on to talk about finals preparation going back to the time when Emily was fourteen or fifteen years old and we would practice finals at our club. We would have 75 second drills, first to teach our shooters just how long 75 seconds is. Look at the second hand on your watch; envision picking up your rifle and holding 3 times in 75 seconds. Then, actually do it with your coach or parent on the line. If you don't have anyone to practice with, go to this website [http://www.targetshooting.ca/train\\_finals.htm](http://www.targetshooting.ca/train_finals.htm) and download the range commands to your ipod and you have an instant finals situation to help you practice. Read the tips on the website from this Canadian Pistol shooter who developed the site and has a fair amount of international experience.

I also queried Josh Albright an All American from Stratford PAL who won smallbore in 2007 and was 2nd in Air Gun in 2008. I actually watched him shoot his finals at West Point with all of the bells and whistles of electronic scoring and viewing can offer. It was a nail biter for me, but here is what Josh says about finals. "Finals are my favorite type of competition, one of the worst enemies in finals is distraction." Josh's coach at Navy prepared them by running finals four times a week. It became routine and the coach would talk through the entire training exercise. He would try to distract them and he would vary the pace. Josh also loves shooting finals. "It is a great opportunity to get there and it is exhilarating."

Of course, this is true, it is where you want to be at the end of the match and confronting your anxiety about shooting finals is paramount. Another top shooter feels that knowing what makes you anxious and then training that away will make you successful. Each person has to know, what that thing is. Is it the people watching, is it the anticipation, the fear of not having enough time, or is having your score up there for all to see?

So here is my advice:

- Know the rules for the discipline and the rules governing the match. In NRA competitions, this is 7.10. in all rulebooks.
- Start preparing now
- Practice the Process
- Talk to yourself between shots, don't allow the distractions. "I've done this hundreds of times, I'm good"
- Make sure your challenges are in on time, so you get to the finals
- Shoot to make the top 8

You can also watch lots of finals by purchasing them for \$29.00 at [issf/dvdshop](http://issf/dvdshop). Here you can watch the techniques of our best shooters in 2008 and years past at the World Cups. Pay attention to what they are doing between shots.

In summary, know you can win in finals, focus on one shot matches, and know you have the time. Confront your fears, know what makes your heart race and know how to make it stop. Practice and practice some more. Love hearing your rifle go bang!

Claudia Duksa who won the intermediate junior trophy, the Stark Trophy.

Other members of the Connecticut contingent were Mike Boudreau, Shelby Burdick, Lenore Burzynski, Mike Burzynski, Sr., Cheng-Hock Lau, Shane Lau, Bill Lange, Ron Mahoney, Amy McDonnell, Shawn McDonnell, Steve Monroe, Tony Panko, Jason Petevich, George Planeta III, Tom Rafferty, Amanda Rimkunas, Wade Rimkunas, Jack Santo, Jackie Santo, Nick Sautter, Jenn Sloan, Eric Sloan, Joe Smith, Zack Smith, Ryan Smith, Nick Staurovsky, Rich Tallberg, and Mark Wujtewicz.

**Jacob Costa, Remington Lyman and Coach Debbie Lyman pose with their Third Place State Association Whistler Boy Team medals.**



## Nutmeg Shooters Place In 2008 NRA Sectionals

The 2008 National Indoor Rifle Championship Bulletin has arrived and Nutmeg State shooters occupy a fair share of column inches. The bulletin itself is a departure from its previous editions as this one is in an 8 ½ by 11 inch format with color photographs.

Jeff Doerschler's name was scattered all over the bulletin. He added to his growing string of national individual championship by winning the Gillis Trophy which is awarded to the three position indoor champion and then placed 5th Master in the four position tournament. He was a member of the both the three position and international match winning teams.

Ryan Lavoie, Jenn Sloan, Mike Burzynski, Remington Lyman, Jason Chowaniac, Lenny Smittner, and Matt Buechele all placed in the four position championship while the Middlefield Rifle Club placed first and second in the team match in the expert class. Quaker Hill's Hap Rocketto shot a 200X200 in the sitting position and added ten more tens for a new senior National Record in that position.

Lisette Grunwell, Jake Costa, Bryan Cross, Lyman, Smittner and Chowaniac all placed in class in the three position championship while Digby Hand took first master honors in the team events and Blue Trail Gold was second expert.

Three position international honors were won by Chris Kemp and Burzynski while Claudia Duksa and Costa took home awards in the air rifle tournament.

The 2009 indoor championship gets under way on New Year's Day and runs through March 16th. There were 81 open sectionals with 1,159 individuals and 142 teams participating in 2008. Those competing in the indoor championship are reminded that results are posted on line and a written request is necessary to receive a printed bulletin.

## HALL OF FAME DINNER HONORS NORTH HAVEN RIFLE COACH *By Jane Lyman*

On Saturday, November 8, Gail Brophy Barry was honored for her 18 years of service to the North Haven High School Rifle Team. She was inducted into their Sports Hall of Fame at a gala event held at Zandri's Stillwood Inn. Along with six other inductees, Gail was applauded for her outstanding efforts in the shooting sports. During her time as varsity rifle coach (1989-2007), Gail's teams competed in 15 of the 18 state championships, four as a wild card team and 11 years as conference champs.

Under her leadership the team placed 2nd three times, losing the state championship by only 4 points in 1992 and 1 point in 1994. The team's greatest accomplishment was winning the state championships 7 times in 1994, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. The 2004 team was the first to break the 950 mark with a 962 team score, the highest ever shot at the time.

Gail has done much over the years to advance shooting in the State of Connecticut. In 1969 she joined the Lymanettes, an all-female rifle team that shot competitively against the men.



**GAIL BROPHY BARRY**

### State Association Shooters to Participate in Bisley Meeting

The Sixth Roberts Trophy Match will be fired on the historic firing line at Bisley on August 21, 2009. It will be preceded by the Goodwill Randle Match on the 17th. The Roberts Match is one of the two most prestigious shoulder to shoulder smallbore rifle matches fired between the United States and England, alternating with the Pershing Match fired at Camp Perry. These matches are fired at eight year intervals and sometimes one will take place in the year following each Olympics.

Connecticut has provided its share of participants in these fabled matches. Walt Tomsen and Tom Daniels shot on the Pershing Team while Cory Brunetti has been on both teams.

In 2009 Patti Clark, Jeff Doerschler, Hap Rocketto, Steve Rocketto, and Greg Tomsen will be part of the United States contingent. Clark is a member of the Goodwill Randle Team and Hap Rocketto has been appointed Adjutant of the Roberts Team, charged with administrative matters in the conduct of the trip and match.

She is currently the only Lymanette actively involved in the shooting sports. Gail was named Coach of the Year by the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association and is a member of the CSRRRA Hall of Fame. She holds a team National Record for outdoor smallbore rifle metric prone and has held the High Woman State Gallery Championship title several times along with the high woman title in the Charter Oak and Nutmeg Leagues and placed among the top ten shooters. Gail also competed at the National Matches, in Camp Perry, Ohio.

Over the years, Gail has volunteered her time to run matches, coach kids, proofread the Marksman, help with the All State Dinner, and the list goes on. Basically, if she had the time, and you needed her help, Gail would graciously pitch in. It was my honor and privilege to attend the function honoring her and her accomplishments.

**We like to hear from our membership. Email announcements, activities, shooting articles, stories of interest to the editor, Hap Rocketto: hrocketto@cox.net**

## The Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Assn Shooters Hall of Fame

The Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association Shooters Hall of Fame has been established to recognize those members of our organization that have made significant contribution to the shooting sports.

A committee, made up of current Hall members, will make selections to the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association Shooters Hall of Fame on an annual basis. The committee will review nominations submitted by the Association at large in each of the various disciplines.

As a rule, nominees must have demonstrated a sustained period of excellence in the area for which they are nominated, a single outstanding accomplishment, while laudatory, is not sufficient cause for election to the Hall of Fame.

A nominee must have been a member of the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association during the period of time that covers the nomination as well as holding current membership. The only exception to this requirement applies to deceased historically significant individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to the shooting sports.

A nomination must include the nominee's name, address, and shooting association affiliations as well as the name and address of the nominator. The nomination itself should be a narrative detailing the nominee's accomplishments. The actual nomination may not exceed two single space typewritten pages of 12-point type.

The selection committee will consist of an odd number of members of Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association Shooters Hall of Fame. The chairman is selected by the Association Board of Directors and serves at their pleasure. Selection to the Hall will be by a simple majority based upon a written secret ballot, which will be counted by the committee. There is no requirement that each discipline fill a position each year. Disciplines to be considered are special recognition, air gun, bench rest, black powder, hunter/trapper, high power rifle, pistol, shotgun, silhouette, smallbore rifle and volunteer.

The committee has the right to select historically significant figures in excess of the annual limit. Historically significant figures must be deceased.

Nominations, which will close on January 31, 2009, are to be sent to Hap Rocketto, 18 Stenton, Avenue, Westerly, RI 02891.

### Hall of Fame Members

**Class of 1983:** Special Recognition, Thomas Fenton; Volunteer, Charles Goss; Pistol, Adam Vabalas; High Power, Wally Lyman; Smallbore Rifle, Debbie Lyman, Air Gun, David Lyman; Black Powder, Ted Borkowski; Bench Rest, Joe Vinci; Silhouette, Frank Scotto; and Hunter, Kenneth Ramage.

**Class of 1984:** Special Recognition, William Brophy; Volunteer, Carolyn Anthony; Pistol, Paul Sheaffer; High Power, Richard Scheller; Smallbore Rifle, Edward Ebdon, Air Gun, Ron Whaley; Black Powder, Ray Palmucci; and Silhouette, Mary Scotto.

**Class of 1985:** Special Recognition, Art Jackson; Volunteer, Billie Johnston; Pistol, "Doc" Watson; High Power, Stephen Rocketto; Smallbore Rifle, Al Metzger; Black Powder, Dave Thompson; Bench Rest, Dave Brennan, Silhouette, George Dirgo; and Hunter, Lester Hull.

**Class of 1986:** Special Recognition, Charles Lyman III; Volunteer, John Yetter, Sr.; Pistol, John Lucas; High Power, Harold Slocum; Smallbore Rifle, Hap Rocketto; Black Powder, Dave Thompson; Bench Rest, Dave Brennan; and Silhouette, Matty Regan.

**Class of 1987:** Special Recognition, Dan Juliani; Volunteer, Abe Rocketto; Pistol, Raymond Wilber; Smallbore Rifle, Gail Barry; and Silhouette, Arnie Wilhite.

**Class of 1988:** Special Recognition, Joseph Carten; Volunteer, Patti Clark; and Smallbore Rifle, Hugh Allen.

## 2008 Connecticut State High Power Rifle Champion

by Jim Castonguay, High Power Director

The Connecticut State High Power Rifle Championship was held on August 23rd at the Bell City Rifle Club and now John Coggshall reigns as 2008 Connecticut State High Power Rifle Champion. The event was attended by twenty six competitors and the weather cooperated, providing good shooting conditions. Coggshall took a commanding lead in the standing match with a 199-4X and never looked back. His rapid fire sitting score of 197-13X and rapid fire prone of 200-8X also were match winning scores. Mo DeFina, a long range shooter of note, broke Coggshall's strangle hold by solidly winning the slow fire prone match with a 200-11X. When the scores were tallied, Coggshall's grand aggregate score of 793-34X earned him the Connecticut State Highpower Rifle Champion title. Ken Hagenow fired a 782-26x to come in second in the aggregate and also claimed a win in the Master class, sweeping three of the four individual match awards in classification. Pete Brown shot a 193-7X standing, edging out Hagenow by a point, and keeping him from a sweep.



Ken Hagenow on left, John Coggshall center, John Kiley on right, after the match.

John Kiley was third in the aggregate with a 781-24X followed by Jeff Mendyka's 781-19X.

Joe Waller Jr. and George Planeta 4th fought it out for the top spot in the Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman combined class. Waller prevailed in the aggregate with a 758-23X, but Planeta claimed the High Junior title with a 758-13X. Walt Sinnot also took 1st place in the combined class of the stage 3 prone event firing a 196-2x.

The Highpower Division would like to express its appreciation to the Bell City Rifle Club for hosting and making the 2008 Connecticut State Highpower Championship a reality. The selfless efforts of Bell City, and the many volunteers who assisted in preparation and operation of the match made it a success.

**Class of 2004:** Special Recognition, Brad Palmer; High Power, Ron Sekellick; Smallbore Rifle, Cory Brunetti, and Jeffery Doerschler, and Air Rifle, Emily Caruso.

**Class of 2005:** Special Recognition, Harry Wilcoxson; Volunteer, Nicole Panko; High Power, Ian Cheeseman; Smallbore Rifle, Bill Lange.

**Class of 2006:** Special Recognition, Cathy Smittner; Volunteer, Ted Lussier; Pistol, Raymond McQueeny; High Power, James Kallenbach; Smallbore Rifle, Jay Sonneborn, Sr., and Air Rifle, Greg Lonczak.

**Historical Figures:** Samuel Colt, Oliver Winchester, William Rugar, John Garand

# Pistol at Perry *By Fran Lerz*

The Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association's Pistol Division sent 15 shooters to this year's National Pistol Championship at Camp Perry, fielding two teams which made Connecticut proud. During the .22 phase of the shooting both the Expert's "Team Generous" of John Kumiega, Captain and Coach, E. David Miller, Michael Bardoorian, Gary Berman, Roger Sperry, Peter Tripputi and Frances Wasilnak and the Sharpshooter's "Team Vabalas" of Francis Lerz, Captain and Coach, Robert Bardoorian, Gary Duran, William Ohm, John Schoenfeld, Shawn Sullivan, Marc Wasilnak, and Andrew Clark came in 4th with a score of 1113-30x and 1083-17x respectively. In the center fire phase the Expert's again placed 4th with a score of 1082-26x and the Sharpshooter's placed 9th with a score of 973-10x.

In the .45 shooting phase, both teams shot well, but not well enough. The Expert team with a score of 1079-19x came in 9th and the Sharpshooter team with a score of 961-7x came in 10th.

The grand aggregate saw both teams just outside of awards, placing 7th place in their respective classes with the Expert team scoring 3274-75x and the Sharpshooter team a 3017-34x.

Individually, team members did well. Mike Bardoorian's outstanding shooting earned him a National Civilian Pistol Team Expert jacket by placing 3rd Expert with an aggregate score of 2537-71x. He came in 2nd in .22 with an 866-32x, 4th in Center Fire by shooting an 838-19x, and 19th in .45 with a score of 833-20x against 190 competitors in his class. Tripputi had his share of excellent shooting, placing 5th in the Expert class with an aggregate of 2505- 62x. He also took 4th in .22 with a score of 862-34x and 1st in .45 with an 857-19x.

Perhaps the high point of the trip was Miller's performance in the National Trophy Individual Pistol Match. Over the course of just two seasons Miller earned civilian Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge number 1425. In May, he started a roll when he earned six points at the Southern New England Regional at the Dinan Range, then he added six more points at Ohio's Canton McKinley Regional held just one week prior to the Nationals, and finally legging out with ten points at Camp Perry. Distinguished is not an easy goal to reach over a life time but to do it in two years is most impressive. The team is very proud of Connecticut's newest Distinguished shooter's accomplishment.

There was a great amount of rain, wind, and heat during the Pistol phase and the line was cleared for a tornado warning for the Harry Reeves and Distinguished Revolver matches. Many shooters were standing in ankle deep water and mud especially on the 100 and 300 line ranges. Those who didn't bring boots had a tough



**Pictures at top and left, taken of the firing line at Camp Perry during the pistol phase.**

**Below, John Kumiega, Captain and Coach of Team Generous discussing scores with team member Roger Sperry.**



**Team Vabala, Shawn Sullivan, William Ohm, Andrew Clark, Francis Lerz, Marc Wasilnak, Robert Bardoorian and John Schoenfeld.**

time trying to buy some. Believe-it-or-not, bare feet and rubber sandals were allowed.

In spite of the variable weather, the team enjoyed several lunch and dinner cookouts on base. Experienced shooters took first timers Clark, Schoenfeld, and Sullivan under their wings, sharing advice and insight

to insure that their first Camp Perry experience was both educational and memorable. There were two milestones marked this year as it was Lerz's 26th year at Camp Perry as a member of the State Association team and after an eight year hiatus father and son, Robert and Michael Bardoorian again returned to the National Matches.

Most everyone shot their average at Perry indicating they did well and all are already looking forward to returning next year.

## NRA Conventional Prone Regional

The 2008 NRA Conventional Prone Regional turned out being a Duksa family extravaganza when Claudia opened the show with a winning score of 399-28X in the metallic sight Dewar match, a point and a few X's ahead of Expert class winner Chet Ruscio, Mike Burzynski wrapped up the combined Sharpshooter/Marksman class with a 397-23X. The long range match at a 100 yards was taken by sub-junior Remington Lyman, hot off of his national championship win, with a 399-29X, Jeff Doerschler was high master shooting a 399-26X while Burzynski was picking up steam with his second win in the combined class with a 399-26X.

Burzynski, who was a member of the 2008 United States Drew Cup Team at Camp Perry, showed just why he made that team when he posted a match winning 400-28X in the Meter Match pulling two points ahead of Claudia with one match to go. Doerschler went for two points in winning the Master class as Rich Duksa took Expert honors.

Claudia made a valiant attempt to brush by Burzynski posting a solid 400-32, but it was only good for Master honors as Jay Sonneborn, Jr win the match clean with 33Xs. Burzynski got off to a solid start with a 200-11 on his first card but stumbled slightly on the second, dropping a single point. His aggregate score of 1595-99X edged out Claudia's 1594-106 and gave him the iron sight win. Bob Lynn, a New Hampshire hardholder, was third with a 1591-99X. Just behind Lynn was Jay Junior who took the Expert class with a 1590-104X.

Any sight day meant that Claudia and Burzynski had no room for error. A dropped point by Burzynski would open the door for Claudia who had a seven X lead. Anything out of the ten ring for Claudia would just increase Burzynski's advantage. Rich Duksa picked up where Claudia left off the day before by keeping the Dewar in the family with a 400-34X win while Claudia was high Master with a 400-33X. Disaster struck Burzynski when he gave up the lead on the 100 yard stage by dropping three points. Claudia now was a head by two.

Having learned something from a 200-21X in the Dewar Claudia got even tougher when she opened with a 200-19X and followed it with another 200-16X for a match winning score of 400-35X. Rich's score of 399-31X was first Expert while Amy McDonnell was tops in the combined class with a 398-23X. Any sight day had all the makings of a day when daughters were going to show dads just how things were done in this sport.

Ruscio roared out of the pack with a 400-35X to best the field in the Meter Match. Veteran Shawn McDonnell, Amy's father, showed that he had not lost much off of his game when he also shot clean with 30Xs to take high Master and getting the message across to Amy, who again won the combined class with a 397-28X, that while there might be snow on the roof there still was fire in the furnace. One X behind was Claudia who had now racked up three perfect scores for the day.

When the targets were retrieved after the first stage of the 50 yard match Claudia had dropped one, not a point but an X. She was now on the verge of her first 1600 and, even though the last 20 shots would be at the shortest distance, there was no room for error. The previous 140 record shots were only a prologue and a dropped point here would make for a long soul searching ride home. However when you're hot, you're hot and she rolled through with another 400 and 18 Xs for a match winning, in more ways than one, finale. Claudia had won the match, the any sight sub aggregate, a Camp Perry Voucher, the gold medal, and became the newest member of the NRA 1600 Club. The 1600-134X was just frosting on the cake of her 3194-240X victory.

Ruscio, a relative newcomer to prone shooting, was high Expert with 400-34X which gave him a total of 1599-124X for second place in any sights. Doerschler was third with a 1598-117X but took the silver medal over all with a 3188-217X. Burzynski blocked Amy from sweeping any sights, as he had done in irons, by winning the combined class with a 400-32X. However, Amy's score of 1591-104X outranked Burzynski's 1591 by eight Xs for the any sight win. All was not lost for Burzynski whose hard work paid off with a Camp Perry voucher for his two day total as it did Ruscio.

## Visit your Local Gun Shop, Club or Range

by Randy Bieler, CSRRRA President

Another season of outdoor competition has come and gone and a good one it was. Our Junior competitors excelled again at Camp Perry this year in both Smallbore and Highpower. We also had adults in all three divisions, Pistol, High Power and Smallbore, placing in amongst the top shooters in the Nation. We were even lucky enough to have 2 competitors, John Cogshall and Kris Friend, finish in the top 20 requiring a "shoot-off" in the "President's 100". That is out of 1168 competitors including all of the military teams, which is really quite an accomplishment.

I took a trip to Cabela's the other day and there was something missing. Don't get me wrong, it is an interesting place, a large store with a wide selection of guns, bows, ammo, clothes, etc.; it even has a great display of various animals and fish. After spending some time in there, finishing the last of my Christmas shopping, I still felt there was something missing in the store. It was not until today I realized what it was. Today I went and visited a friend I haven't seen in years at his gun shop in North Branford. We had a great talk about guns, hunting, current events and a couple of funny experiences we had and he even gave me a free cup of coffee. That was it, that's what was missing, a local friend and a great time sharing experiences. There are nice employees in Cabela's but not the local person who lived in the same town as you, not the familiarity, not the common bond. Someone who has shot at the same range as you, hunted in the same woods you have, shares the same goals we all have. Too bad I didn't visit my friend first; the one item I did buy at Cabela's was less expense at his place.

Let's get out to our local gun stores, our local clubs, have a cup of coffee, share our experiences and have a great time. Remember if you have an interesting story, articles or pictures from your club send them to me and maybe we could include them in our next "Marksman".

I wish all of you a great year and wish you good luck with all your aspirations.

# The Connecticut Junior High Power Team at the Nationals

*By Brad Palmer, Coach*

The Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association Junior High Power Team began its 2008 Camp Perry adventure with a four a.m. wake up followed by a quick breakfast and last minute packing. By five a.m. eight enthusiastic youngsters were on the road and arrived about four p.m., meeting up with four more shooters who had just finished the smallbore phase. After the 11 hour trip the day was far from over and the napping in the cars kept them fresh for the heavy cleaning needed to make the huts livable.

When the dust had settled and the bunks were made and gear stored the group met for its first team meeting to make any adjustments and make final the schedule of events for the next day. Each junior had to insure that they were registered for the proper events such as the United States Marine Corps clinics and the Small Arms Firing School.

Mornings come early during high power and the juniors were overflowing with ambition and energy, something that would change as the 12 to 15 hour days progressed. With the juniors off to their first day activities the staff began ironing out all the many details that needed to be settled to insure a successful week. As the day progressed missing equipment was identified and obtained and it was a welcome relief to have more of the team staff arrive to help with the many little details which required attention.

Saturday and Sunday saw more clinics and with scores being reported the teams were beginning to sort themselves out. Team meetings are getting more detailed with many items to cover such as lunch pick ups, ammunition requirements, raingear reminders, rifle maintenance and scorebooks, scorecards, and a last rundown on who is shooting where and when, no small item with 250 firing points and six relays.

Monday marked the first day of competition, The President's Match, and the weather was good. Amanda Elsenboss has the team's best score, a 285-6X, just an X out of the top 100. While the others did not fair as well in the aggregate each junior worked hard at getting use to the range, dealing with match conditions, while scores continued to improve.

The National Individual Trophy Match was blessed with another nice day, not always a common occurrence at Camp Perry. Elsenboss again led the team, firing a blistering 495-19X for fifth place over-all in the premier Excellence In Competition Match in the nation. She also garnered high junior honors joining David Lyman, John Coggshall, and Julie Coggshall as the fourth Connecticut junior to win the Golden Eagle Trophy as well as the Women's Rifle Trophy for high women's score. The rest of the team accumulated some personal bests as they continued to get experience and firm up zeros for the Wednesday's Whistler Boy Match.

Connecticut entered six teams in the Whistler Boy Match Three teams were coached by John and Julie Coggshall and Kris Friend, former Connecticut juniors who came back to help the team. Their presence and knowledge served as great role models and inspired the youngsters to greater heights. Brad Palmer coached Ryan Castonguay and Elsenboss to a tenth place finish while Jim Castonguay coached Mark Plourde and Justin Lane Jr., John Kallenbach was

the coach for Tyler Plude and Brian Haynes. John Coggshall sat behind the scope for Anthony Ressel and Megan Pappas while Samantha Smith and Jessi Trelegan were under the watchful eye of Julie Coggshall and Kris Friend took George Planeta IV and Mark Orzechowski under his wing. None of this would have been possible without the quick pit service and accurate scoring of our volunteers who are too numerous to mention.

Connecticut fielded Elsenboss, Castonguay, Plourde, Planeta, Smith and Orzechowski under the scopes of Palmer and Kallenbach. They put together a score of 2788- 43X which placed them sixth against some pretty stiff competition in the junior category Minuteman Trophy competition.

The National Matches conclude with the Infantry Trophy Match. As we do not have adequate training facilities for this event we use this as an opportunity to give our juniors a taste of responsibility, is a team made up completely of juniors. All the adults do is wake them up in the morning and watch. Those who have experienced a "Rattle Battle" take the lead and do all preparation and organization. Friend and Elsenboss coached while Haynes, Orzechowski, Plourde, Plude, Planeta, and Trelegan got to experience rapid fire at long range. They did a great job this year.

The Bushmaster Cup is awarded to the competitor who fires the highest total aggregate with a Bushmaster rifle in President's and National Trophy Individual Match. Elsenboss won the trophy over all and as high junior going away, 23 points ahead of her nearest competitor. Planeta was eight over all and fifth junior, Orzechowski was ninth and sixth while Plude finished 17th and eights.

Castonguay remained behind to shoot the National Rifle Association National High Power Championship where he continued his winning ways, squeaking out a win when he emerged on top of a three way 200-15X tie in the Appreciation Cup, 200 yards rapid fire sitting.

All in all it was a great week full of fun, fellowship, shooting, and learning. With the season at and end close Palmer and his staff will take a short break and start planning for the 2009. This may prove to be a bigger challenge than in the past with the loss of Blue Trail Range's 200 yard line the team will have to be on the road more than in the past. In spite of the possible difficulties coaches and shooters alike look forward to another successful season of shooting and recruiting more new juniors.



**From left to right~back row: Justin Lane, Mark Orzechowski, Tyler Plude, George Planeta, Brian Haynes; second row: Ryan Castonguay, Mark Plourde, Samantha Smith, Jessi Trelegan, Amanda Elsenboss, Justin Jarvis; front row: Randy Bieler, John Kallenbach and Brad Palmer.**

## EASTERN JUNIOR HIGHPOWER CLINICS AND MATCHES 22-27 JUNE - CAMP BUTNER, NORTH CAROLINA

*By Brad Palmer*

Our adventure started for most of us at 4:30am on Sunday morning, a few had started the long drive to Camp Butner, NC on Saturday. It proved to be an 11 hour ride. The Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association had six juniors attend the clinics and championships this year, old timers Ryan Castonguay, Lyndsey Nash, and Mark Orzechowski, were joined by first time participants Dakota Haag, Tyler Plude, and Brian Haynes. The high point for the Connecticut Juniors was Nash winning a 600 yard match with a 198-8x. Brad Palmer and John Kallenbach acted as coaches and drivers while John Mendyka cooked for all the juniors and support people for four days doing an outstanding job!

The check-in and welcome started at 8:00 a.m. and was very informal, just stop at camp, find a bunk, get ready and attend the clinics to be held on Monday morning. The group of 66 Juniors was broken down into two groups for the clinic. The experienced shooters went to the range and the newer shooters broke into small groups with the United States Marine Corps instructors. At noon all moved to the range for lunch and a class on wind reading. The range was smoked at the pits, 200, 300, 500 yards and it proved very interesting to see the smoke at 500 yards going left and the 300 yard line smoke going to the right so a lot was learned by all. After we finished on the range it was back to the barracks area for a great meal from our cook John Mendyka. He can do wonders with his Volcano Grill producing an outstanding meal of spaghetti and all the trimmings.

Having gotten zero's for all rifles on the first day it was up with the sun and at the 200 yard line for 7:30 a.m. for day two, team match day! The Billy Atkins two man team match, with the USMC Rifle Team and a few junior coaches doing the coaching for teams, was the first event. The teams are picked to provide an experienced junior and a new junior to shoot together to enhance the learning process and pick their team names. The match was won by the "Seeing Eye Dogs" with a 949-19x followed by the "Odd Couple" 933-10x and 3rd place went to "Ragin' Cajun" 931-13x. A total of 32 teams shot with many personal bests being shot.

A quick lunch on the range and it was on to the first 600 yard match. It was very hot by noon, but with a lot of ice water and Gatorade all went well. The winner of the first individual match was Connecticut's own Lyndsey Nash with a score of 198-8x. The level of competition is starting to go

up on our team as Nash is a marksman! The day ended with a satisfying meal of venison, venison sausage, a little elk, hot dogs, hamburgers, and salad.

Day Three began at 7:30 a.m. on the 200 yard line for the Bushmaster Trophy Match. By 8:00 a.m. it was already hot and two extra coolers of ice water and five more gallons of Billy Atkins Real Lemon-Lemonade helped keep everyone fresh. We have already been through about ten gallons in the last two days. It is hard to describe this refreshing drink but it was welcome. By the time we finished at 2:00pm the temperature was pushing 90 degrees and the competition was getting tougher. The 300 and 600 stages moved along and the temperature was pushing 100 degrees by the time we hit 600. The juniors were amazing as their scores rose with the heat. A 197-9x at 600 from Jason Case gave him a 779-32x followed by William Long with a 779-24x. As the day before there were many personal bests fired in this match. After we cleared the line it was off to the Bushmaster Pizza Party and a chance to hang out in the shade, something that the range lacked.

On Day Four, we started at the 200 yard line at 7:30 a.m. and it was hot already. It is the Excellence In Competition Match so there are no sighters. The Marine gunsmith received plenty of work all week keeping the kid's rifles working. The excessive heat and large number of rounds shot were a real test for these rifles and shooters.

Scores in the 90's standing are becoming more common today and even more are being shot in rapid fire, the competition level is really high now! A total of 62 juniors shot the match resulting in six awards for points toward The Distinguished Rifleman Badge. The match winner was Jason Case with a 486-16x.. The high non-distinguished was Mark Nations with a 476-9x. The cut off was 466-5x. Two juniors legged for the first time.

It was 99 degrees by the end of the match but it began cooling a little when the Marine Rifle Team started a class on Infantry Trophy followed by a demonstration at 600 yards. The juniors then broke into two groups to get some 600 yard infantry trophy zeros for the match the next day. The long day ended with a pig roast put on by North Carolina parents who want to help out the junior program. It was a great event that included drawings for donated shooting supplies and equipment.

The end is in sight on the last day when we are up with the sun and on the 600 yard line at 6:15am. It's Infantry Trophy

Day. Because most clubs represented did not have six members the teams were made up by combining groups and each had a Marine coach.. This event is a highlight for most juniors, 600 yard rapid fire! It comes as no surprise that after a week of shooting the number of hits at 600 yards in 50 seconds is amazing. Some targets had 12 to 16 hits. The match was won by the Georgia Team.

The awards ceremony, closed out this exciting week of training and shooting. Trophies and plaques were given out to recognize excellence in individual and team events as well as categories. There was a set of twins at the match who fired the same scores two days in a row, changing the lead by x count.

The trip proved to be a great success and the juniors finished each day smiling, having learned a lot and watching their scores improve. It was a very rewarding experience for all.

### State Rifleman Named Palma Team Adjutant

*By Hap Rocketto*

Ian Cheeseman has been selected as the Adjutant for the 2011 United States Palma Team. A member of Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club, Ian will be in charge of the overall administration of the team as the United States goes for the gold in Australia. As such he joins the growing list of Connecticut long range rifleman such as Bill Brophy, Mo Defina and Ron Sekellick who have shot this most prestigious long range match

Ian's most impressive accomplishment began when he was a competitor in the 1999 World Individual Long Range Championships in Bloemfontain, South Africa. He noticed that the United States was the only major country in attendance without an Under 21 or Under 25 Team. Returning to the United states he founded, organized, and selected the inaugural Young Eagles team.

Cheeseman has been shooting for twenty years and was a member of the 1999 Goodwill Team to South Africa and has shot on the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association Team at Camp Perry. He was the Team Captain of the 2002 USA Goodwill Team to Bisley, England where he still frequently competes.

Ian's efforts to promote junior shooting in the United States indicate that, coupled with his strong organizational and public relation skills, bode well for the United States chances to win the next Palma.

# The Connecticut State Prone Championship

By Ted Lussier, Smallbore Director

After spending the summer rotating matches throughout the state, the CSRRA found itself back at Blue Trail Range for the Conventional Prone Championship on September 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. The massive earth moving was readily apparent to those who had been away as the new towering berms all but hid the familiar ridge line.

Perhaps it was the new topography of the range or just a calm late summer weekend but the familiar challenging winds seem to be on holiday as 25 shooters took to the line. Claudia Duksa, fresh from an excellent showing at Perry, opened the match with a 399-32X winning score in the iron sight Dewar. With the targets still at 100 yards Jeff Doerschler banged out the first 400 of the day when he cleaned the 100 yard match with 22Xs. The always difficult Meter Match went to New Hampshire rifleman Larry Parker, Sr. who posted a 400-31X. The day closed out as it began with Duksa winning the match with a 400-35X.

The iron sight aggregate went to Parker who posted a 1597-111X, Doerschler was second with a 1594-100X, and Duksa was third with a 1593-121X. Hap Rocketto was first Expert with a 1593-100X while Tyler Plude lead the combined Sharpshooter Marksman class with a 1581-86X.

The old saying, "Where there is scope there is hope" was the mantra of the any sight day. Parker held a commanding lead and it was his match to lose and he would be pressed. Doerschler was out of the mix at he had a business commitment which caused him to miss the second day. As if to emphasize the nature of smallbore Rocketto opened the match with a 200-20X in the first stage of the Dewar, picked up another 17Xs at 100 but dropped one point allowing Duksa's 400-33X to win. Rocketto did not let up and won the 100 yard match with a score of 400-36X, leading the other three clean scores. Not missing a beat he went clean again, winning the Meter Match with a 400-35X ahead of another three perfect scores.

Going into the final match Jay Sonneborn and Duksa were clean, Rocketto was down one, and over all match leader, Parker, was down two. Rocketto ended as he began, his last card was a 200-20X to give him a match winning 400-39X. Sonneborn dropped a point but Parker and Duksa went clean.

Duksa won the any sights with her second career 1600. This one had 136Xs. Rocketto was second with a 1599-147X and Sonneborn was third with a 1599-110X.

Parker was the match winner with a 3195-240X and Duksa, a Connecticut resident, was crowned state champion with a 3193-257X. Rocketto was a point behind with the same X count. Plude was high sharpshooter/marksman and Lenny Smittner was high sub junior.

## YOUR NRA

By Patti Clark,

NRA Board member, Newtown, CT



The NRA spent the greater part of the fall gearing up for the elections as did most of us. While the results were not what we hoped for, it was not as bad as it could have been. Many of the candidates we supported from both parties won their elections. Many of the candidates that we did not support based on their pass voting record actually filled out their questionnaires as if they were A candidates. Now we will attempt to hold them to their word. There are of course great fears about the future for gun owners with the new President and the political appointees he chooses. Certainly one area of concern is how our country will vote on initiatives of the UN to ban small arms. Please keep up to date with these issues by logging onto [NRA.org](http://NRA.org) and [gunbanobama.com](http://gunbanobama.com).

One of the new initiatives at the NRA is the work of a Special Committee formed by President John Sigler, for disabled shooting. This special committee will be working with NRA staffer Vanessa Warner. The committee will be investigating how to expand opportunities for the disabled individuals, many of whom hope to shoot with able-bodied shooters. NRA is taking the program on the road with some Air Gun events at hospitals that are home to many returning soldiers. The committee is planning instructor training in the area of disabled shooting and hunting. While the planned events are in the experimental stage at 3 hospitals, if you or your club would be interested in hosting or helping with an event, please call Competitions division at 703-267-1000 and ask for Vanessa.

Training and Education reports that there are 56,000 instructors and 2,700 coaches in our programs. If you are interested in an instructor course I am planning one in rifle for mid to late January for a whole weekend starting Friday night. Call me at 203-426-3254 to sign up for the program which will be held somewhere between Southington and Newtown.

ILA has been working for the competitive shooters in Ohio. There are currently 2 state House bills with 2 million dollars in funding for Camp Perry percolating through the legislative process. Speaking of Camp Perry, the NRA Junior Air Gun Championship will be held at Camp Perry. Teams from Connecticut have been missing from this event for several years, as the event has been far from home. This match is scheduled for the first week of July in the new Air Gun Complex in 2009. Jessica McClain, the Air Gun staff member in Competitions can put you on the mailing list for a program.

Coming up in March, your magazine will contain the ballot for the BOD members. Our friends in Rhode island, Cindy Julian and Dom DiBiasio are running. The fact that they are both in the same election cycle puts them at a disadvantage. Cindy is the Chair of the Education and Training, Women's Policies and Black Powder Committees. Dom has served in some capacity on almost all of NRA's varied committees. Both deserve your vote as they and I are the only representatives of the New England members.

Lastly, how about a vacation to Phoenix in May just in time for the Annual meeting of members. The dates are May 14-19th, watch your magazine for more information.

Good shooting in the winter leagues!

## Hap's Corner

by Hap Rocketto

### OH, YES I HAVE ...

Giuseppe Paolo DiMaggio, Jr. and Norma Jeane Mortenson were on a honeymoon visit to Japan in January of 1954 when Norma, more popularly known as Marilyn Monroe, was asked to entertain US troops in Korea. She agreed and ended up thrilling over 100,000 servicemen, while showing them what they were really fighting for, in a whirlwind tour of ten outdoor shows in four days in Arctic conditions. She was at her height as the world's premier sex symbol and, as such was, greeted with all the enthusiasm that role could stir up.

She quickly returned to her new husband, better known as Joe DiMaggio. "The Yankee Clipper" was then some three years into his retirement from baseball where his fame was as far reaching as that of his wife. It is told, and it might be apocryphal, that the excited Miss Monroe, a movie actress unfamiliar with live audiences, breathlessly reported to him, "Oh, Joe, you've never heard such cheering!" To which 'Joltin' Joe, a veteran of ten World Series, quietly replied: "Oh, yes, I have."

My daughter Leah unconsciously reminded me of this tale a few days ago. She had gained entrance to her first choice college, the S.I. Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse University, and was riding pretty high. As I did for my oldest daughter Sarah when she was accepted by her first choice school. I quietly purchased one of those ubiquitous school name strip decals. Without her knowledge I applied it to her rear window and waited until she spotted it.

I was working in the yard when I noticed her hop into the car and start to check her rear view mirror. She sat there for a bit, fiddling with the mirror, and staring back at the reversed words for more time than she really needed to get the mirror aligned. Hopping out of the driver's seat she

ran around to the back of the car and took in the sight with a silly grin upon her face. She then skipped over to me and gave me a big hug and said, "Daddy, I can't help but keep peeking at it. You have never had so much excitement as I have reading those words on that strip."

Suddenly it was August of 1981 and I was standing in front of the scoreboard at Camp Perry looking at the cut off score for the Presidents Hundred. I had a good day. Standing was pretty much my average for the time, a 95-4X, a good start. Then came my Achilles' heel; 300 yard rapid fire. Usually I felt pretty good if I could milk out a low 90 in a ten shot string. However, on this day I shot my first ever clean, it was not a good clean; if that can be said about a perfect score. I spotted my first two shots and saw they were just outside of the X ring at five o'clock. I had good zeros so "Idiot!" I said to myself, "Relax and squeeze the trigger!" And that I did, firing my last shot so close to the end of the 70 seconds that I didn't have time to scope the target before it went down. The wait was more interminable than usual. Eventually the target came up with a tight knot of spotters in the five o'clock area between the outside of the X line and the inside of the ten line-a 100-0X.

After the lunch break we took to the 600 yard line for the final ten rounds. I was in pretty good shape but one never knows how the conditions will treat you at 600. I carefully counted on my elevation, cranked the sight to my windage zero, and attentively watched the mirage for the entirety of the prep period. In the end I put my best guess on and broke the shot as soon as the targets hit the top. A nine at three! I quick look through the scope showed the wind has switched so I went left, got on the rifle and shot again. The target came up a nine at nine. I spun

the windage knob right and loosed another round, this time the spotter came up a nine at three. And so it continued for the next seven shots: The German Match, nine, nine, nine, nine, nine, nine, and nine. Ten straight nines all perfect for elevation and all a click outside the ten at three or nine o'clock. Talk about not being synchronized with conditions. After all of that I sat 15 points down and, unbelievably, in the top 100.

My Guard teammate Dick Scheller, who had won the Presidents a few years earlier, clapped me on the back as we stood reading the print-out. I had made it with places to spare. As I rushed off to our cottage to tell my wife the good news he told me he would stop by to pick us up for dinner in an hour. I was pretty excited and having a hard time sitting still as we waited for Dick. I jumped to my feet when he pulled up in front and yanked the door open for him. He made some sort of general welcoming comment and then gripped my hand, shaking it hard as he congratulated me. When he let go I found a curved yellow cloth tab with the words "President's Hundred" embroidered on it in green letters in my palm. It was a typical act of Scheller generosity.

The next day was Leg Day and I was up early. Sitting on 20 points I was anxious to see if the magic from the day before would carry over. As I dressed I noticed that my wife had somehow managed to stitch the tab onto the top of my left sleeve during the night without my knowledge. All day long I found myself sneaking peeks at the bright yellow strip. At the end of the match I was down 15 points, just like the day before, had earned a silver Daniel Boone medal and was now just two points from Distinguished.

Just as quickly as I had mentally left it I was back in my driveway standing next to Leah. Like DiMaggio I was able to say to my daughter, just what he said to Marilyn, "Oh, yes I have."

# The Great Pumpkin

The Bell City Rifle Club was the site of the 2008 Great Pumpkin Match, the metric regional course of fire that closes out the Connecticut outdoor season.

Hap Rocketto, hot from his win of the Fall Foliage Regional, first 1600 in conventional prone, and a brand new master card in conventional, started out by winning the opening match at 100 yards with a 381-25X in some pretty challenging weather conditions, windy and cold. Claudia Duksa was first Expert with a 381-9X while Shawn Carpenter placed second Expert with a 372-13X. There are precious few masters in this demanding discipline so there was only an Expert class and a combined sharpshooter/ marksman group which was won by Sarah Downing with a 360-6X.

On a roll Rocketto edged out Bob Lynn, a New Hampshire magistrate, by single point so Lynn was second master in the reverse Dewar, 374-14X to 373-8X. It was a bit of payback as both Rocketto and Lynn had shot their first conventional 1600s the previous weekend with Lynn topping Rocketto by one X. Chet Ruscio was second master with Downing winning the combined class with a 357-9X.

Lynn came back and put a stop to Rocketto when he posted a 382-13X to win the 50 meter match. However, Rocketto had built up a pretty good lead and won the iron sight aggregate with an 1134-42X. Downing swept her class with a 370-9X and the class victory.

The second day opened up much as the first with swirling winds and an autumn chill. Ruscio jumped out to a big lead by winning the 100 yard match with an outstanding 386-14X. Jeff Doerschler was first master with a 378-10X and Downing took the combined class with a 367-4X. Doerschler began to mount a comeback with a win in the Dewar, shooting a 386-22X, to best first expert Carpenter by four points. Downing continued her domination of the combined class with a 366-6X. The final match of the day, match, and season was a photo finish between Carpenter and Rocketto with Carpenter winning the 391 tie by one X, 17 to 16. The last surge gave Carpenter the any sight win over Doerschler who ended up first expert with a 1144-43X and second expert Ruscio's 1142-35X.

Carpenter's second day charge was not enough to offset the margin Rocketto had built up in iron sights and the match went to the Rhode Island rifleman who posted a score of 2272-81X. First expert was Carpenter who shot a 2252-67X and Ruscio was second with a 2247-58X. Downing was high woman and combined class champion. The Kraft family neatly split the age categories with Tim winning junior laurels and Tom earning the senior crown.

# OUTDOOR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Match Course, and aggregate in centerfire, as well as the timed fire event with the .45 pistol. Chatterton rounded up the rest of the match wins with victories in .22 timed fire and .45 national match course.

Masters Dave Miller and Jeff Bromberger each won several class awards, while Experts Richard Ashmore, John Kilmer, William Ohm, and Dave Levine accounted for all class awards. John Schofield and Marc Wasilnak accounted for the balance of Sharpshooter awards. Dan Watson, Peter Clusky, Alex Asetline, and Matt Miller all won awards as Marksman.

The Civilian Marksmanship Excellence in Competition match had a total of 26 competitors, of which 20 were eligible to earn legs toward the award of the coveted Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge. Chad Barber, of Westerly, RI, was high scorer among those in the hunt for points with a 254-1X and earned his first eight points. Gary Berman added six to his point cache, giving him a total of 24 points and leaving him six shy of the Badge for which he now only needs a "hard" leg to complete. Lange won the match with a 284-9X, Richard Ashmore was second with a 272-9X, and third was Bromberger's 271-4X. The top three are all Distinguished Pistol Shots.

Nineteen competitors vied for points to earn the NRA Distinguished Revolver Award with Bardoorian earning silver and eight points while Chatterton took a bronze worth six. None of the competitors in the match have yet to earn the award.

The Castleton Fish and Game Club won the team competition.



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## 2009 Shooting Schedule

### CSRRA HIGHPOWER SCHEDULE

#### BIG BORE LEAGUE TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING BEING PLANNED

A Big Bore League Team Captain's meeting is being planned for mid to late February 2009. Agenda for discussion: The Future of the League. Ideas for the 2009 Shooting Season. Disposition of Dues paid by Clubs for the 2008 season. Date Time and location of the meeting to be determined. Please contact Jim Castonguay at 860-738-2954 or 860-309-2471 for further details.

#### Other Highpower Events.

The 2009 National Match Schedule Please be sure to mark your calendar and plan to make a trip to Camp Perry and our other 2009 shooting events!

#### May 2-5

CMP Eastern Games, Camp Butner, NC

#### May 6-10

Eastern Creedmoor Matches  
Camp Butner, NC

#### June 18-21

Bushmaster Open Highpower Championship,  
Fort Benning, GA

#### June 20-26

Eastern Junior Highpower Championship,  
Camp Butner, NC

#### July 13-14

Pistol Small Arms Firing School  
Camp Perry, OH

#### July 19

National Trophy Pistol Matches  
Camp Perry, OH

#### July 25-26

National Rimfire Sporter Match  
Camp Perry, OH

#### July 31 – August 2

Rifle Small Arms Firing School  
Advanced Highpower Clinic and CMP  
USMC Junior Highpower Clinic  
Camp Perry, OH

### CSRRA SMALLBORE SCHEDULE

#### JUNIOR OLYMPIC SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP (JOSC) January 16, 17, 18th, 2009.

We are happy to announce that the 2009 Junior Olympics Connecticut Qualifier will be held at the Bridgeport Rifle Club. This is the only club in the state, approved and sanctioned for this event. Sign up early we expect a large crowd of instate and out of state shooters. Thank you for all the support you have given Bridgeport Rifle Club in the past, we hope to make this a banner year. There are twelve points for air rifle and 12 points for smallbore. We have upgraded the lighting on the range to USA specifications.

State USA Shooting Junior Olympic Championships (JOSCs) are state competitions that allow juniors to try to qualify for an invitation to the National USA Shooting Junior Olympic Championships (NJOSC). This is the JOSC being sponsored by the Connecticut State Rifle & Revolver Association (CSRRA). Funding for eligible CSRRA members who meet the CSRRA requirements will be based on scores fired in this match.

Contact Bill Kemp, 1-800-243-0151, or email [bill@kempsecurity.com](mailto:bill@kempsecurity.com)

#### CONNECTICUT STATE GALLERY CHAMPIONSHIP

March 13, 14, 15 and 21, 22, 2009.

to be held at the Blue Trail Range  
Wallingford, CT

Contact: Jennifer Sloan

860-859-1466 or email to:

[jennslo@msn.com](mailto:jennslo@msn.com)

## Electronic Marksman

In an effort to increase association communication it has been suggested that a monthly email newsletter be instituted to supplement the printed Marksman. This can only work if there are enough members to support such an effort. If you are interested in subscribing to the monthly electronic Marksman please send an email to Hap Rocketto at [hrocketto@cox.net](mailto:hrocketto@cox.net). We are trying to compile email addresses for the future.

A monthly newsletter would include a current match schedule, legislative information, match and league results, and a Hap's Corner.

### CSRRA PISTOL SCHEDULE

March 13, 14, and 15, 2009

NRA Sectional Match

Bridgeport Rifle Club

Stratford, CT

February 7 and 8, 2009

CT State Indoor Pistol Championships

Manchester Shooters, Inc

Manchester, CT

Please contact: [CTBullseye@Gmail.com](mailto:CTBullseye@Gmail.com)  
after 9:00 am January 10th.



### Scholarships Available

Once again the State Association is accepting scholarship applications for high school graduates entering their freshman year of college. All applicants must be individual members of the State Association. Any junior interested in applying can request an application form from Wally Lyman, 338 Williams Road, Wallingford, CT 06492 or email your request to [jelyman@mac.com](mailto:jelyman@mac.com).

#### Attention Life Members

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